Surrey Cricket Championship
AGM Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Monday 27th January 2025 - 7.30pm
Location: Virtual (Zoom)
Subject: Surrey Cricket Championship Annual General Meeting Minutes

Apologies:	London Welsh CC, Bagshot CC, Old Whitgiftians CC, Chessington CC

Minute No	Item	Action
	Apologies for Absence	
AGM 01/25	There were no apologies at the time of the call but those received afterwards are above.	
	Acting Chair's Opening Remarks	
AGM 02/25	Helen Ross (HR) welcomed everyone to the call. It was noted that all participants will remain muted but could ask questions through the chat function. Voting will be via online forms, the links for which will be posted in the chat box. HR welcomed all clubs to the brand-new Surrey Cricket Championship. She remarked that the summer will be a great opportunity to meet new faces, play at new places and for some fantastic cricket to be played. HR thanked everyone involved in the previous leagues, the steering committee and the transition committee for their work in getting the new league up and running. HR noted that the Constitution and Playing Conditions had been widely shared and consulted upon since September and have subsequently been formally adopted as communicated prior to the AGM. The feedback received during the consultation was widely positive, although there were several suggestions from clubs, all of which were considered prior to adoption of the final versions. The league has been in correspondence with those clubs who provided suggested amendments. Simon Flinn was introduced to the call. Simon is joining the Surrey Cricket Foundation as the League Coordinator and will be the first point of contact for clubs in the Surrey Cricket Championship.	
	Election of Officers	
AGM 03/25	Chair – Helen Ross (HR) Finance & Sponsorship Lead – Crispin Lyden-Cowan (CLC) Rules & Playing Conditions Lead – Alexandra Anderson (AA) Fixtures & Results Lead – Chris Evans (CE) Cricket Operations Lead – Elio Saligoi (ES) Cricket Committee Lead – David Wills (DW) Discipline & Behaviour Lead – John Bramhall (JB) There were no proposed additions to the officers listed above. Those in attendance elected the officers En Bloc. 90 votes For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions	

	Finance Update including club fees	
AGM 04/25	Crispin Lyden-Cowan (CLC) reported that a finance subcommittee is being established. This includes a non-executive officer role, and he invited volunteers to nominate themselves if they wish to sit on the finance subcommittee. The league will have a small grants pot available as in previous years, for clubs with projects aimed at increasing participation. Further details about the grants available will be announced shortly. The Surrey Cricket Championship has a starting position in excess of £150,000, which is restricted to the running of adult league cricket within the county. The Surrey Cricket Championship has agreed sponsorship with the following companies: ViBE Teamwear (Teamwear partner), Readers (Ball partner), Shepherd Neame (Pouring Rights partner) and Howden (Insurance partner). A decision is to be taken on a headline sponsor, with two companies interested. Sponsorship for the first season of the Surrey Cricket Championship is currently expected to be more than double the amount received by the three leagues in 2024 by the start of the 2025 season. This increase in sponsorship will be used to reduce the cost of cricket within the league. Annual subscriptions will not be increasing in 2025 and in many cases will be reduced. If clubs have any questions or challenges with regards to this year's annual subscriptions, please contact Crispin Lyden-Cowan as Chair of the Finance committee.	
	Structure & Fixtures	
AGM 05/25	Chris Evans (CE) thanked Paul Harrison and Richard Kendall for their help in establishing the structure and in generating the fixtures. The fixtures are currently on Play-Cricket and can be considered as final. CE reported that some clubs have challenges accessing their home grounds on certain dates. Previous Surrey Championship and Surrey County league clubs had been given the opportunity to notify the league of dates where their ground isn't available prior to the fixtures being set, but this wasn't extended to Surrey Cricket League clubs, or new clubs joining. As such for the 2025 season only, clubs can move 1 fixture to Saturday 3rd May (Week Zero), if they are unable to secure a ground for a fixture. Any requests to move a fixture to this date should go to Chris Evans in the first instance. CE asked that all clubs ensure that their home grounds are updated on Play-Cricket, to ensure that the correct venue is shown for all fixtures. If clubs have questions about how to update their grounds on Play-Cricket, please contact Chris Evans, who will be able to assist. It is intended that the league will check results on Sunday mornings, however due to the large increase in the number of fixtures, it is likely that further assistance will be required to complete the checks each week. If anyone is interested in volunteering to check the results weekly, please get in touch with Chris.	

	Competitions & Match Support	
AGM 06/25	Elio Saligoi (ES) introduced himself to the meeting. He noted the driving principle behind the choice of balls for this season is to minimise the amount of change from those which clubs were using previously. Therefore, this season the following balls will be used: Premier and Division 1 – Dukes County International Division 2 & 3 East/West – Dukes Special Crown Match Division 4 East/West, Division 5 East/West/Central, Division 6 East/West/Central – Readers Sovereign Division 7 through to 12 – Readers County Match **Please note a clarification around the ball type being aligned to divisions rather than tiers* A letter and ball order form will be distributed to clubs, to be completed and returned to Simon Flinn in the coming days. ES apologized for the short timescales, but noted the need for this AGM to take place before the types of balls could be confirmed. It is requested that clubs make their payments for their balls upon completion of the order form. For this year only, the league is happy for clubs to use previous years' league ball stocks, should they require **<u>any spares</u>** during matches. <u>Cups</u> Across the Surrey Cricket Championship there will be 3 independent T20 competitions. These have been designed to give as many clubs the opportunity to win a competition as possible: **Edwards Cup –** Open to any 1st eleven across the Surrey Cricket Championship, with entry being mandatory for Tier 1 clubs. This feeds into the national ECB T20 competition. **Subba Row Plate** – Open to clubs with teams in Tiers 2, 3 and 4 who wish to enter. Clubs in the Edwards Cup can enter a second team into this competition should they wish (subject to eligibility criteria). **New T20 Cup –** A name is to be agreed for this competition, which is aimed specifically for those clubs with teams in Tiers 3 and 4. All information about the cup competitions, including entry information, will be published on Play-Cricket by the end of this week.	
	Cricket Committee & Feedback	
AGM 07/25	David Wills (DW) introduced himself to the meeting. It is hoped that Play-Cricket will transfer all centrally league registered players from the Surrey Championship to the Surrey Cricket Championship website, to save club volunteers having to resubmit previous registrations. League Player Registration will be required in Tiers 1 and 2 within the Surrey Cricket Championship. DW confirmed that each club is only allowed to register a single overseas player for the 2025 season but noted that this is a topic which is open for further discussion for possible changes in future years. The umpires panel at the top of the structure will cover the top 5 divisions (to Division 3 East and West), this will mean that previous 2nd Eleven Premier Division teams will receive panel umpires this year. Clubs in the Surrey Cricket League also had access to panel umpires previously. As part of the transition arrangements, the committee are looking at ways to	

	continue this in 2025, whilst transitioning to a more formal umpiring structure during the 2026 season. Matches involving panel umpires will continue to have formal reporting structures. It is intended that matches without panel umpires will also have optional forms on Play-Cricket, to capture Fairplay, Grounds and Umpires feedback. DW requested that clubs utilise the forms to provide any input they have on their cricket this year. He confirmed that all reports will be read and actioned. He asked where possible reports are confined to factual matters, rather than those which are subjective. It was noted that the feedback from last season was, in the main, very positive. It is planned that a number of Captains calls will be held ahead of the new season, to provide details to new and returning captains about the requirements for 2025. Clubs are open to provide feedback throughout the season, via the mechanisms outlined above, as well as directly to Cricket sub-committee. The subcommittee are looking at options for post-season feedback meetings, as the previous style of meeting may not be the best vehicle going forward.	
	Motions for 2025	
AGM 08/25	Alex Anderson (AA) extended her thanks to Peter Murphy in particular for his work on the first draft of the Playing Conditions, and to Kieran Burge, Toby Briggs, Nikhil Patel, Jeremy Beckwith, Chris Barnes and Mark Babb for their help in reviewing the Playing Conditions. The following motions were voted upon: 1. For clubs who play in Tiers 3 and 4: Do clubs in Tiers 3 and 4 want to be subject to a mandatory requirement to provide teas for all games? For – 64, Against – 26, Abstain – 2 – Motion Carried 2. For clubs who play in Division 3 East and West Only: Do you wish to play your limited overs cricket with a white ball, wearing coloured clothing and with black sightscreens? For - 11, Against – 8 - Motion Carried 3. For clubs who play in Tier 2: Do you wish to play timed cricket during weeks 5 to 13 of the league season? The indicative result on the evening was 28-28, however following the meeting a review of the votes was undertaken, leading to the following outcome: • 1 club not eligible to vote had voted in favour of the motion - this vote was discarded. • 2 clubs who were present at the meeting and eligible to vote were unable to do so due to a technical issue. These two votes were collected manually from those present at the close of the call with one club voting for the motion and one club voting against, meaning that 29 clubs voted against the motion and 28 for. As a result, teams in Tier 2 will play Limited Overs cricket throughout the 2025 season. Full details of all votes can be found in Appendix A below.	
	Rules & Playing Conditions 2026 & Topics for Council 2026	
AGM 09/25	AA thanked all clubs who have provided their feedback on the Playing Conditions. One item which has been highlighted by 2 clubs is the increase in the number of points awarded for an abandoned game, and this will continue to be reviewed during the season. AA also mentioned that 2 clubs had raised the issue of start times. She explained that there had been a lengthy debate in the transitional committee about start times, as we needed to find a balance between starting late enough to accommodate clubs who might not have access to their pitches until after 12pm and the need to complete the game in daylight. AA emphasized that in Tiers 3 and 4 teams can agree to move the start time up to one hour	

	earlier or one hour later during the whole season. We would actively encourage clubs to bring forward the start time for the last 2 games of the season where possible. AA encouraged all clubs to provide their feedback on the Rules to the Rules & Playing Subcommittee as the season progresses and invited anyone interested in being involved in the subcommittee to contact her directly.	
	Any Other Business	
AGM 10/25	HR reported that a volunteer has come forward to fulfill one of the unfilled committee roles, and this person will be co-opted shortly. It was noted that it takes a large amount of work to run a league of this size and HR asked that anyone who is interested in helping to get in touch. The formal AGM closed at 20.45, with committee members remaining to answer informal questions from those clubs on the call.	

Appendix A – Voting Records

Clubs Signed In

Addiscombe CC
Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth CC
Alleyn CC
Anglos United CC
Ashford CC, Surrey
Balham & Tooting Sports & Social Club
Banstead CC
Battersea Ironsides CC
Beddington CC
Blue Wings CC
Brentford CC
Camberley CC
Capel CC, Surrey
Caterham CC
Cheam CC
Chertsey CC
Chipstead Coulsdon and Walcountians CC
Claygate CC
Cobham Avorians CC
Croydon CC, Surrey
Croydon Lions CC
Dorking CC
Dulwich CC
East Molesey CC
Egham CC
Englefield Green CC
Epsom CC
Esher CC
Ewell CC
Farnham CC, Surrey
Godalming CC
Guildford CC
Guildford City Cricket Youth Project
Hampton Wick Royal CC
Hook and Southborough CC
Horley CC, Surrey
Horsley & Send CC
Kempton CC
Kenley CC
Leatherhead CC

Malden Wanderers CC
Maori Oxshott CC
Merrow CC
Merstham CC
Merton CC
Merton Mavericks
Morden CC
Newdigate CC, Surrey
Normandy CC
Norwood CC
Old Hamptonians CC
Old Pauline CC
Old Rutlishians CC
Old Tiffinians CC
Old Wimbledonians CC
Outlaws 2.0 CC
Oxted and Limpsfield CC
Ploughmans CC
Purley
Putney CC
Raynes Park Former Pupils CC
Redhill Warriors Sports Club
Reigate Priory CC
Ripley CC, Surrey
Roehampton CC
Salfords CC
Sanderstead CC
Sheen Park CC
South London CC
Southwark Park CC
St Luke's CC
Staines & Laleham CC
Stoke D'Abernon CC
Streatham & Marlborough CC
Sunbury CC
Sutton CC, Surrey
Sutton Challengers CC
Tadworth CC
Teddington Town CC
Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC
Valley End CC
Wallington CC
Walton on Thames CC

Wandgas
West End (Esher) CC
West Wimbledon CC
Weybridge CC
Whiteley Village CC, Surrey
Wimbledon CC
Woking & Horsell CC
Woodmansterne CC
Worcester Park CC

Committee En-Bloc Vote – of those voting, all clubs in favour

Addiscombe CC
Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth CC
Alleyn CC
Anglos United CC
Ashford CC, Surrey
Balham & Tooting Sports & Social Club
Banstead CC
Battersea Ironsides CC
Beddington CC
Blue Wings CC
Brentford CC
Camberley CC
Capel CC, Surrey
Caterham CC
Cheam CC
Chertsey CC
Chipstead Coulsdon & Walcountians CC
Claygate CC
Cobham Avorians CC
Croydon CC, Surrey
Croydon Lions CC
Dorking CC
Dulwich CC
East Molesey CC
Egham CC
Englefield Green CC
Epsom CC
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Ewell CC
Farnham CC, Surrey
Godalming CC
Guildford CC
Guildford City Cricket Youth Project
Hampton Wick Royal CC
Hook and Southborough CC
Horley CC, Surrey
Horsley & Send CC
Kempton CC
Kenley CC
Leatherhead CC
Malden Wanderers CC
Maori Oxshott CC

Merrow CC
Merstham CC
Merton CC
Merton Mavericks
Morden CC
Newdigate CC, Surrey
Normandy CC
Norwood CC
Old Hamptonians CC
Old Pauline CC
Old Rutlishians CC
Old Tiffinians CC
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Purley CC
Putney CC
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Ripley CC, Surrey
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Sheen Park CC
South London CC
Southwark Park CC
Staines & Laleham CC
St Luke's CC
Stoke D'Abernon CC
Streatham & Marlborough CC
Sunbury CC
Sutton CC, Surrey
Sutton Challengers CC
Tadworth CC
Teddington Town CC
Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC
Valley End CC
Wallington CC
Walton on Thames CC
Wandgas CC
West End (Esher) CC

West Wimbledon CC
Weybridge CC
Whiteley Village CC, Surrey
Wimbledon CC
Woking & Horsell CC
Woodmansterne CC
Worcester Park CC

Motion 1 Vote – Mandatory Requirement to Provide Teas

Addiscombe CC	For
Alleyn CC	For
Anglos United CC	For
Ashford CC, Surrey	For
Ashtead CC	For
Banstead CC	For
Battersea Ironsides CC	For
Beddington CC	For
Blue Wings CC	Against
Brentford CC	Abstain
Camberley CC	For
Caterham CC	For
Cheam CC	Against
Chertsey CC	For
Claygate CC	For
Cobham Avorians CC	For
Croydon CC, Surrey	For
Croydon Lions CC	Against
Dorking CC	For
Dulwich CC	For
East Molesey CC	For
Egham CC	Against
Englefield Green CC	Against
Epsom CC	For
Esher CC	For
Ewell CC	For
Farnham CC, Surrey	For
Godalming CC	For
Guildford CC	Against
Guildford City Cricket Youth Project	Against
Hampton Wick Royal CC	For
Hook and Southborough CC	For
Horley CC, Surrey	Against
Horsley & Send CC	For
Kempton CC	For
Kenley CC	Against
Leatherhead CC	For
Malden Wanderers CC	Against
Maori Oxshott CC	For
Merrow CC	For
Merstham CC	For
Merton CC	For

Morden CC	For
Newdigate CC, Surrey	Against
Normandy CC	For
Norwood CC	Against
Old Hamptonians CC	For
Old Pauline CC	For
Old Rutlishians CC	Against
Old Tiffinians CC	For
Old Wimbledonians CC	For
Ottershaw CC	For
Outlaws 2.0 CC	For
Oxted and Limpsfield CC	For
Ploughmans CC	Against
Purley CC	For
Putney CC	For
Raynes Park Former Pupils CC	Against
Redhill Warriors Sports Club	Against
Reigate Priory CC	For
Ripley CC, Surrey	For
Roehampton CC	Against
Salfords CC	For
Sanderstead CC	Against
Sheen Park CC	Against
SinjunGrammarians CC	For
South London CC	Against
Southwark Park CC	Against
Spelthorne Sports CC	For
Spencer CC, Surrey	For
St Luke's CC	Against
Staines & Laleham CC	For
Stoke D'Abernon CC	For
Streatham & Marlborough CC	Abstain
Sunbury CC	For
Surrey Warriors CC	Against
Sutton CC, Surrey	For
Sutton Challengers CC	For
Tadworth CC	For
Teddington Town CC	Against
Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC	For
Valley End CC	For
Wallington CC	For
Walton on Thames CC	For
Wandgas CC	For

West End (Esher) CC	For
West Wimbledon CC	Against
Whiteley Village CC, Surrey	For
Wimbledon CC	For
Woking & Horsell CC	For
Woodmansterne CC	For
Worcester Park CC	Against

Motion 3 Vote – Play Timed Cricket weeks 5-13 – all eligible clubs present at the meeting voted

Addiscombe CC	No (LO)
Alleyn CC	No (LO)
Ashford CC, Surrey	Yes (TC)
Ashtead CC	Yes (TC)
Banstead CC	Yes (TC)
Battersea Ironsides CC	No (LO)
Beddington CC	Yes (TC)
Camberley CC	No (LO)
Cheam CC	No (LO)
Chertsey CC	No (LO)
Chipstead Coulsdon & Walcountians CC	No (LO)
Cobham Avorians CC	No (LO)
Croydon CC	No (LO)
Dorking CC	No (LO)
Dulwich CC	Yes (TC)
East Molesey CC	Yes (TC)
Egham CC	Yes (TC)
Epsom CC	Yes (TC)
Esher CC	Yes (TC)
Ewell CC	No (LO)
Farnham CC, Surrey	Yes (TC)
Guildford CC	No (LO)
Hampton Wick Royal CC	Yes (TC)
Horley CC, Surrey	No (LO)
Horsley & Send CC	No (LO)
Kempton CC	Yes (TC)
Leatherhead CC	Yes (TC)
Malden Wanderers CC	No (LO)
Maori Oxshott CC	No (LO)
Merstham CC	No (LO)
Merton CC - Saturday	No (LO)
Merton Mavericks	Yes (TC)
Normandy CC	Yes (TC)
Old Hamptonians CC	Yes (TC)
Old Rutlishians CC	No (LO)
Old Wimbledonians CC	No (LO)
Oxted and Limpsfield CC	Yes (TC)
Purley CC	No (LO)
Reigate Priory CC	Yes (TC)
Roehampton CC	Yes (TC)
Sanderstead CC	No (LO)
Sheen Park CC	No (LO)
SinjunGrammarians CC	Yes (TC)

Spencer CC, Surrey	Yes (TC)
Staines & Laleham CC	No (LO)
Stoke D'Abernon CC	Yes (TC)
Streatham & Marlborough CC	No (LO)
Sunbury CC	No (LO)
Sutton CC, Surrey	Yes (TC)
Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC	Yes (TC)
Valley End CC	Yes (TC)
Walton on Thames CC	No (LO)
Weybridge CC	No (LO)
Wimbledon CC	Yes (TC)
Woking & Horsell CC	Yes (TC)
Woodmansterne CC	Yes (TC)
Worcester Park CC	No (LO)

Motion 2 Vote - White Ball Cricket – all eligible clubs present at the meeting voted

Ashtead CC	For
Banstead CC	For
Chertsey CC	Against
Dorking CC	For
Dulwich CC	For
East Molesey CC	For
Epsom CC	Against
Esher CC	For
Farnham CC, Surrey	Against
Guildford CC	For
Hampton Wick Royal CC	Against
Leatherhead CC	Against
Malden Wanderers CC	For
Spencer CC, Surrey	For
Streatham & Marlborough CC	Against
Sunbury CC	For
Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC	Against
Wimbledon CC	For
Worcester Park CC	Against